

## II. REMARKS

Claims 6, 7, 12, 13, 16, 17, 23-27 and 30 in the above-referenced patent application are now pending. Claims 23-27 and 30 have been allowed.

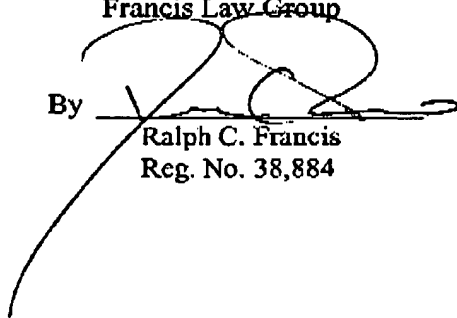
In response to the March 29, 2004 Office communication and in accord with the discussion with the Examiner on April 20, 2004, Applicants have amended Claims 6, 7, 12 and 16 to incorporate all of the limitations Claim 1, which has been canceled.

## III. CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 6, 7, 12, 13, 16 and 17 are now in condition for allowance and the same is respectfully solicited.

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